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In re Application of :  
Slater :  
Application No. 09/177,502 :  
Filed: October 23, 1998 : **DECISION**  
U.S. Patent No. 7,962,190 :  
Issue Date: June 14, 2011 :  
Attorney Docket No. SYM-161 :  
For: Bipolar Endoscopic Surgical Scissor :  
Blades and Instrument Incorporating the Same :

The above-identified application has been forwarded to the undersigned for consideration on a petition for patent term extension entitled "Petition for Patent Term Adjustment Due to Examination Delay under 37 CFR 1.181" received on July 26, 2011.

The petition is granted.

The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on July 11, 2011 improperly stated that the Patent Term Extension is 1516 days. The Office electronic records have been corrected to reflect that the patent term extension is 1575 days.

After mailing of this decision, the above-identified application will be forwarded to Office of Publications for further processing.

Petitioner's deposit account has not been charged a petition fee.

Inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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